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## **GLOBAL AND STRATEGIC VIEW**

### **Leak of classified information involved bombs and new batteries**

USA Today, May 17

*Operatives from ISIS have determined how to implant and mask an explosive inside the battery of a laptop computer, increasing the likelihood that a bomb can be slipped past screeners onto an airplane.*

### **NATO in Afghanistan: Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford says alliance should move quickly to deploy forces**

USA Today Online, May 18

*The top U.S. military officer says NATO should be prepared to move fast to deploy additional forces if the White House and other heads of states agree to bolster the alliance's mission in Afghanistan, where government forces are locked in a stalemate with the Taliban.*

### **Mali organizes to stop terrorist cells**

Defence Web, May 17

*The best way for the Malian government to coordinate all regional and international initiatives for the Sahel is to develop a holistic national strategy to combat terrorism and violent extremism.*

### **US weapons help tighten noose on ISIS, but 1 ally isn't happy**

CBS News, May 17

*The Kurds are edging closer to Raqqa, where around 3,000 ISIS extremists are thought to be dug in. The U.S. coalition attacks from the air, but without the Kurdish militia on the ground, there would be no hope of defeating the militants.*

## **THREAT NETWORKS**

### **Female terrorists and their role in jihadi groups**

Brookings Institute, May 17

*Studies show that the majority of women who support, join, or are recruited to these groups are actually moderately to well-educated women.*

### **ISIS creating chemical weapons cell in new de facto capital, US official says**

CNN.com, May 17

*US intelligence believes ISIS is bringing together all of its experts on chemical weapons from Iraq and Syria into a new "chemical weapons cell," according to a U.S. official.*

### **US intel says Iran supplying 'explosive boats' to Houthi militias**

Al Arabiya, May 16

*Iran is providing "explosive boat technology", unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), and missile support to Yemen's Houthi militias, U.S. Director of National Intelligence Daniel Coats informed the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.*

### **ISIL resorts to using poison gas to slow Iraq troops in Mosul**

The National, May 17

*Unable to stem the Iraqi advance, ISIS has turned to chemical weapons, which it delivers in mortar shells or leaves behind in crude explosive devices.*

## **WORLDWIDE IED EVENTS**

### **IED blast leaves three civilians wounded in northern Baghdad**

Iraqi News, May 17

*Three people were wounded as an IED blast took place in northern Baghdad, a security source said.*

### **One killed after vehicle runs over explosive in Mandera**

The Standard, May 17

*A land surveyor working for a road construction company was killed when a vehicle he was traveling in ran over an IED in the Elwak area.*

### **7 hurt as NPA rebels set off landmine, ambush Army tank in Laguna**

Inquirer.net, May 17

*Five Philippine Army personnel and two civilians were wounded after New People's Army (NPA) rebels ambushed two military vehicles by setting off a landmine in Luisiana town in Laguna province.*

### **Another powerful explosion rocks Manipur's international bordering town**

India Blooms, May 17

*An IED exploded at Kut ground near Moreh Youth Club in ward number 2 in Moreh town along the Indo-Myanmar border.*

## **COUNTER-UAS**

### **US Service Academies Engage in Swarm Challenge to Push the Boundaries of Autonomous Swarm Capabilities**

SatNews Publishers, May 17

*More than 40 Cadets and Midshipmen from the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, and the U.S. Air Force Academy helped expand the capabilities of swarms of highly autonomous unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in the Service Academies Swarm Challenge hosted by DARPA.*

### **Battelle showcasing unmanned submarine, armored vehicle at SOFIC**

Government Security News, May 17

*Battelle will feature its revolutionary counter-UAS device, a virtual demo of a large unmanned underwater vehicle, an active, in-flight ice protection system and expertly engineered armored vehicles at the Special Operations Forces Industry Conference (SOFIC).*

## **INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Robots are Here to Stay in the Army**

Defense System Information Analysis Center, May 17

*The Army's "Robotic and Autonomous Systems Strategy," or RAS, released by the Army's Training and Doctrine Command this week, details how the Army will incorporate emerging technologies into its force structure and the benefits these advancements provide.*

## **TRAINING**

### **County stages shooter, bomb drill in Reedsburg**

Reedsburg Times Press, May 15

*A local Emergency Management Office uses fake IEDs as part of their training exercises.*